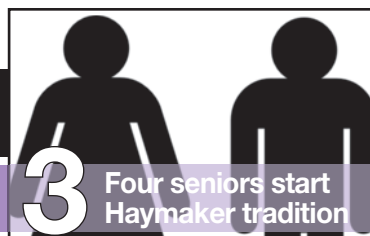


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Three graduate programs take higher place according to national rankings

BY JENA ERNSTING
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Recently, K-State had three graduate programs rise in national rankings, according to the U.S. News and World Report Best Graduate School rankings for 2016. The three programs that made the list are the College of Veterinary Medicine, the College of Education and the College of Engineering.

The College of Veterinary Medicine rose from number 19 in the 2015 rankings to number 14 in the 2016 rankings.

"The ranking is a recognition of continued excellence for the faculty and staff at Kansas State University and to build upon the excellent education our veterinary students receive here," Ralph Richardson, dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine, said.

Richardson said the influences on the improved ranking are a combination of the national focus on K-State relative to the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility.

"(It is) a better job of telling the public what it is that we do and the increasing amount of research that is being done inside the veterinary college and beyond," Richardson said.

The College of Education is up to number 88 for 2016's rankings from number 92 in the 2015 rankings.

"Our goals are not to rise in ranking but to provide quality education to our students," David Allen, office of field experiences director in the College of Education, said.

Currently, the College of Education is trying to reach an untapped population to provide better quality of education. The college is planning to provide a master's of arts in teaching, so people in other fields can reach a teaching licensure in 12-14 months compared to two years.

"Undergrad takes a bit of focus," Allen said. "A few years ago, we shifted focus on graduate programs for the 2025 goals. Quality undergraduate means quality in the graduate programs."

For students like Breanne Kruse, sophomore in biology and secondary education, who have decided to become teachers after coming to K-State, this extra focus is promising.

"As a student who recently changed my major and went through the process of deciding to become a teacher, it's helpful to know that I'll be receiving a higher quality education," Kruse said. "I'll be using that education in my future career."

In addition to the College of Veterinary Medicine and College of Education, the College of Engineering is now ranked number 94 compared to number 99 in 2015.

"I've had an excellent experience in the College of Engineering since I was a freshman," Tyler Hieber, junior in mechanical engineering, said. "The faculty is extremely excellent and helpful. I believe phase four of construction – bringing all the disciplines together in one building – is really showing that our program is worth while."

Overall, K-State's schools are rising in the national rankings and are trying to better themselves. As Allen said, the ranking is not the reason for the improvement, but the quality of education provided is.

Wildcats bring the early heat



PARKER ROBB | THE COLLEGIAN

Senior defensive back **Dante Barnett** (22) celebrates after forcing a three-and-out on the white team offense in the first half of the annual Spring Game, played this year at Sporting Park in Kansas City, Kansas, on April 25, 2015.

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More K-Staters finding employment after graduation

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Good news for hopeful college job seekers: according to a survey by the National Association of Colleges and Employers, employers plan to increase the hiring of college graduates on average by 8.3 percent this year.

Reasons for the increase include business need, company growth and anticipated retirements, but the survey also said, "respondents cited the importance of hiring new college graduates to fill their talent pipelines, as these new hires will eventually become the future leaders of their organizations."

K-State Career and Employment Services also reported that 94 percent of K-State's graduates in 2013-14 are currently employed or pursuing advanced degrees, which is up 1 percent from the previous year.

"I do think that the slight increase is an example of a recovering job market that is being experienced across the nation," Keri Keller, executive director of CES, said. "A lot of the information provided by the National Association of Colleges and Employers says that there is improvement among many peer institutions like ours. However, I do think that K-State students are able to weather the ups and downs of the job market a little bit better than maybe some institutions, because I



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Having K-State on your resume is one way for you to stand out.

alum, landed a top internship with an insurance company two months before graduation. After she got her diploma, however, Bowman realized that an insurance career wasn't quite right for her.

Three months later, though, Bowman found a job that she felt truly comfortable in. Now working

requests from employers to interview with them simply from my networking efforts," Bowman said. "I developed my LinkedIn profile and joined some of their 'groups' for K-State Alumni. I also joined groups in the industry I was interested in and would narrow down their membership to K-State alums only. I would find their information and call them on the phone to ask them for coffee so that I could find out more about how they got to where they are. From there, I would learn about their stories and, in the meantime, gain trust in our newly formed professional relationship. Everyone wanted to introduce me to other people in the industry in order to help me find the right job because they knew I wasn't simply there to 'find a job' as much as I wanted to learn what I could about the industry and their work so that I could have success too."

Bowman kept in contact with Keller the summer after she graduated and said Keller gave her valuable advice to keep in mind during her job search.

"She encouraged me to stay true to my networking process and wait it out for the right job, and that made all the difference," Bowman said. "My first job led to a promotion six months later, and the job of my dreams a year after that. A willingness to take a job that is an entry-level, stepping-stone role will ensure your ability to have the career you dream of sooner than you think."

Kosh Khan, a December 2014 alum, was able to find a job by meeting employers at a career fair organized by CES and currently works as a financial adviser at Renaissance Financial.

"I knew I wanted to be a financial adviser, so there were other companies that I was looking at, but I didn't know about Renaissance until the career fair," Khan said. "Then I found them, interviewed with them, and that was the one I liked and that was the one I picked."

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, K-STATE CAREER AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

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Newell Bowman, a May 2012

on a marketing team at the largest retirement community in Kansas, Bowman said she was able to get to her dream job through her effective methods of networking.

"I probably received about 10

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K-State family packs Sporting Park for annual spring game



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A young fan holds up a promotional "family" sign during the K-State football team's annual Purple/White Spring Game at Sporting Park in Kansas City, Kansas on April 25.



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TOP: Freshman quarterback **Alex Delton** runs past defense during the game. The scrimmage offered fans a preview of the fall season.



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LEFT: Head football coach **Bill Snyder** talks to a friend on the sidelines of Sporting Park in Kansas City, Kansas on April 25.

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BOTTOM: The Pride of Wildcat Land fills Sporting Park with the "K-State Fight Song" during the second half of the annual game.

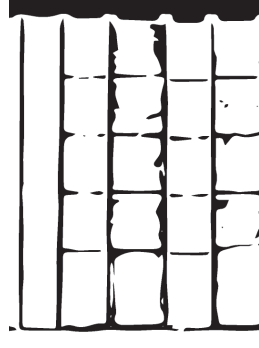


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Where to take care of business on campus

People go to the restroom. It's a basic human function. You eat some food, you digest it and then you have to find the nearest restroom. If you're like me, you spend most of your day on campus and want to know which restrooms are the best for you.

By KARYN ELLIOT
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Kedzie Hall

Convenience: ★★★★★

Cleanliness: ★★★★★

Traffic: ★★★★★

When you walk in the front doors of Kedzie Hall, you're met with stairs and to the left of those stairs is a tiny area with a few doors. The first door you see is best campus restroom I have ever stepped foot in.

I love private restrooms, I cannot stand needing to do my business and then someone walks in to use the other stall. My first thought is always, "Can't you see I'm in here and need some space?!" This Kedzie restroom is the best, you're alone and you can do business in peace.

The only downside is sometimes, it's occupied and then you feel awkward waiting around for someone to come out. It's

fairly clean, but sometimes the toilet paper rolls are on the floor because the dispenser broke and sometimes the hot water from the sink doesn't work. But none of that really matters because once you get in there, you're by yourself and can perform whatever bowel movement you need to with only yourself (and most likely your cellphone) for company.

Burt Hall

Convenience: ★★★★★

Cleanliness: ★★★★★

Traffic: ★★★★★

Most of the restrooms I use are obviously in close proximity to my classes, but having a biochemistry lecture in Burt Hall allowed me to stumble upon this little gem.

Granted this is not a private restroom; it has three stalls and hardly ever has anyone in it because honestly, most students don't know where Burt Hall is. The restroom itself is a dingy yellow color and kind of gives off a prison-y feel, but it's empty and that's all I really need.

Plus, after awhile, the yellow color kind of grew on me.

K-State Student Union

Convenience: ★★★★★

Cleanliness: ★★★★★

Traffic: ★★★★★

The K-State Student Union is the mecca of campus. There are literally hundreds of students in and out of there all day long, eating and chatting with friends in between classes.

The women's restrooms on the first floor are filled with stalls and there are plenty of futuristic hand sinks. These hand sinks, however, are a pain. The soap never goes out correctly and the dryers go forever.

The only reason I like this restroom is because it's updated and clean. The walls are shiny and the toilets almost sparkle. The stalls are really close together, unless you're using the handicapped stall. But if you're not actually handicapped or are about to pee your pants, it's kind of a jerk move to use the handicapped stall.

By JON PARTON
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K-State Student Union

Cleanliness: ★★★★★

Convenience: ★★★★★

Traffic: ★★★★★

Although the K-State Student Union is a decent place to hang out at, its restrooms aren't exactly the best on campus.

Foot traffic is heavy around the building and, although the janitorial staff does a great job at cleaning its restrooms, it only takes one jerk with bad aim or an unwillingness to flush to ruin it.

The restrooms on the second floor have these weird sinks that dispense soap, water and air dry your hands. In reality, they just get your hands wet before blasting them with cold air. The person behind you then has to wait for the air dryer to finish before it dispenses water again.

The restrooms on the third floor are a bit better, but you

have to go out of your way to get to them. If you have to do your business in the Union, I recommend using the first floor restroom. You're not going to get a good Wi-Fi signal, but few people use it and the increased privacy makes up for the bad connection.

Kedzie Hall

Cleanliness: ★★★★★

Convenience: ★★★★★

Traffic: ★★★★★

If you make it out to

Kedzie Hall, you can find one of the best restrooms on campus. Located on the first floor in the north part of the building is a single-person restroom. It's kept relatively clean, always well-stocked with paper towels and toilet paper and has an adjustable temperature control.

The other restrooms on the first and second floor are a little less impressive. While the first floor restrooms are clean, the urinals lack a divider between them. The second floor has a single-person restroom with a flimsy slide lock being the only thing that separates you from the open hallway. With nothing

but four walls and a small sink and mirror, no person should have to make a trip to use it.

On the other hand, the restroom in the basement is a bit better. Consisting of a single toilet and urinal with a divider between them, it should be the second choice of restroom users in Kedzie, behind the single-person on the first floor.

Eisenhower Hall

Cleanliness: ★★★★★

Convenience: ★★★★★

Traffic: ★★★★★

For some reason, the restrooms in Eisenhower Hall all have the temperature set very high. While this isn't as much of a problem in the winter, it's a killer during the beginning of the fall semester when summer heat is still looming.

Instead of using the restrooms in Eisenhower, I suggest making a quick detour next door to Anderson Hall. The restrooms there are always kept clean because that's where a number of school administrators have their offices. It's worth the extra minute it takes to walk over there and you won't be frying either.

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The incoming student's orientation survival guide



KELLY IVERSON
THE COLLEGIAN

Come one, come all. Nontraditional students, first-generation students, high school seniors fresh out of mom and dad's basement: welcome to college. Say your goodbyes and experience a strange mix of tears and angst, excitement and fear as you make your way to Manhattan.

Some of your parents will hold your hand until your resident assistant pulls you from their arms (or sob all the way to Topeka ... poor Patty), while others may jump for joy as they ship you off to the Little Apple.

Either way, you have taken your first step, the right step I might add, in pursuing a college education. Higher education is hard to come by, what with rising tuition and the cost of living in general, so I applaud those of you who made it thus far.

Selecting a major

Don't let picking out a major scare you. The night before my orientation, I was trying to decide if I wanted to pursue a career in journalism or strap my angel wings on and become a nurse.

If you are reading this article and absolutely hate it, I suppose I should've taken the nursing route ... but here I am, angel wings and stethoscope long since abandoned. Four years later, I am writing for a college newspaper that prints daily, the ninth-largest daily newspaper in Kansas and loving it.

If you are like me, your skills are limited to a number of subjects, including writing and ... well, that's it. I am relatively good at making people laugh and have recently taken up cutting my own hair (is it good that people have not been surprised when I tell them this?), but writing was the only skill I possessed worth making a career out of.

Not all of you are this (un) lucky and have a variety of skills to choose from when deciding the

big question: what do you want to do with your life?

Heads up, this question will continue to haunt you up until your senior year. I am constantly reminded of my lack of future plans, being a grown-up and what not, every time someone asks me the dreaded, "What do you want to do when you grow up?" Aren't I already an adult? I don't necessarily act my age, but I already work two jobs and feel the stress of the world like a mattress on my shoulders.

Oh, another skill I forgot to mention: I'm very good at exaggerating.

What I'm getting at is this: you don't need to have your future mapped out to survive orientation day. Do what you're good at and, most importantly, do what you love; the major will follow. Many of you reading this might be thinking I made the wrong decision in choosing a career involving writing. If you don't, feel free to leave comments on the website about how much you like me. Otherwise, leave me alone.

There is nothing wrong with keeping your options open, either. Don't let the fear of being here a few extra semesters or paying more tuition scare you into choosing a major to simply choose a major. Graduation is creeping up on me, and the thought of no longer attending school after 17 cumulative years of being a student is scarier than starting as a freshman here in the first place. Put your feelers out and do what feels right to you.

New kid on the block

Many of you are transitioning from being the prom king or queen at your high school to being one of more than 24,300 students. If that doesn't make you feel small, I don't know what will. I attended a high school with a graduating class of over 500 people, so I was somewhat used to getting lost in a sea of orange and black (go Cougars). Others are coming to K-State having grown up being educated with the same handful of people since kindergarten. All of that is about to change, and it can be intimidating.

While I can't tell you how to stand out in this sea of overwhelming purple, I can tell you this: being introverted will get you nowhere. Sit with a stranger at lunch during orientation; talk to

the person sitting next to you as you are being swarmed by campus tours and pamphlets; bug any students you see on campus and ask for their advice. Ask anyone that goes here and they will tell you this is one of the friendliest campuses they have ever stepped foot on.

As a senior taking pointless general education classes and having hibernated in Kedzie Hall for the majority of my time here, I found myself having trouble finding the buildings I was supposed to be in at the beginning of last semester. Regardless of my senior status, I had to reach out to bustling students on campus with their headphones in and eyes down: the students who were trying to ignore other students like me, standing on the corner by Bluemont Hall – lost eyes, shifting restlessly, strongly exuding the "I'm lost," arms out, shoulder shrug to those who passed.

Guess what? Students stopped to help me, and not in an irritated, "let's get this over with" kind of way. I am no cliché, but this K-State family crap that orientation will throw at you until you are saying in it your sleep is no joke. While I have not attended any other college to compare the K-State campus with, I am so very grateful for the students and people here who are intelligent, but not intimidating enough that you can't ask for directions.

Don't be afraid to start up a conversation with the fidgeting incoming freshman next to you or to ask a question during orientation, because hey, they're basically fidgety family now.

Saying goodbye

While attending orientation will introduce you to many new things, you have to remember that you are letting go to just as much, like living at home for one. Not all freshmen will reside in the dorms upon coming to K-State. For those of you who do, remember this: keep calm and be clean, be yourself, be friendly ... the list goes on and on.

Many of you will choose to live with a potluck roommate and that's great. There's nothing like getting to know yourself while getting to know a stranger simultaneously. If any of my roommates from Haymaker Hall are reading this, I apologize for my antics, lack of cleanliness and those wonderful

duct tape displays I would put on for you. While I don't get to see my wonderful roommates as much as I would like to, we get together on occasion and are always sad to say goodbye.

I always advise those coming to college to pack light, and your family is one of those things that simply won't fit into your suitcase. Saying goodbye will be hard, but moving away and living on your own is liberating, exhilarating and freeing. Don't let the fear of saying goodbye to many things keep you from embracing the change that starts after orientation.

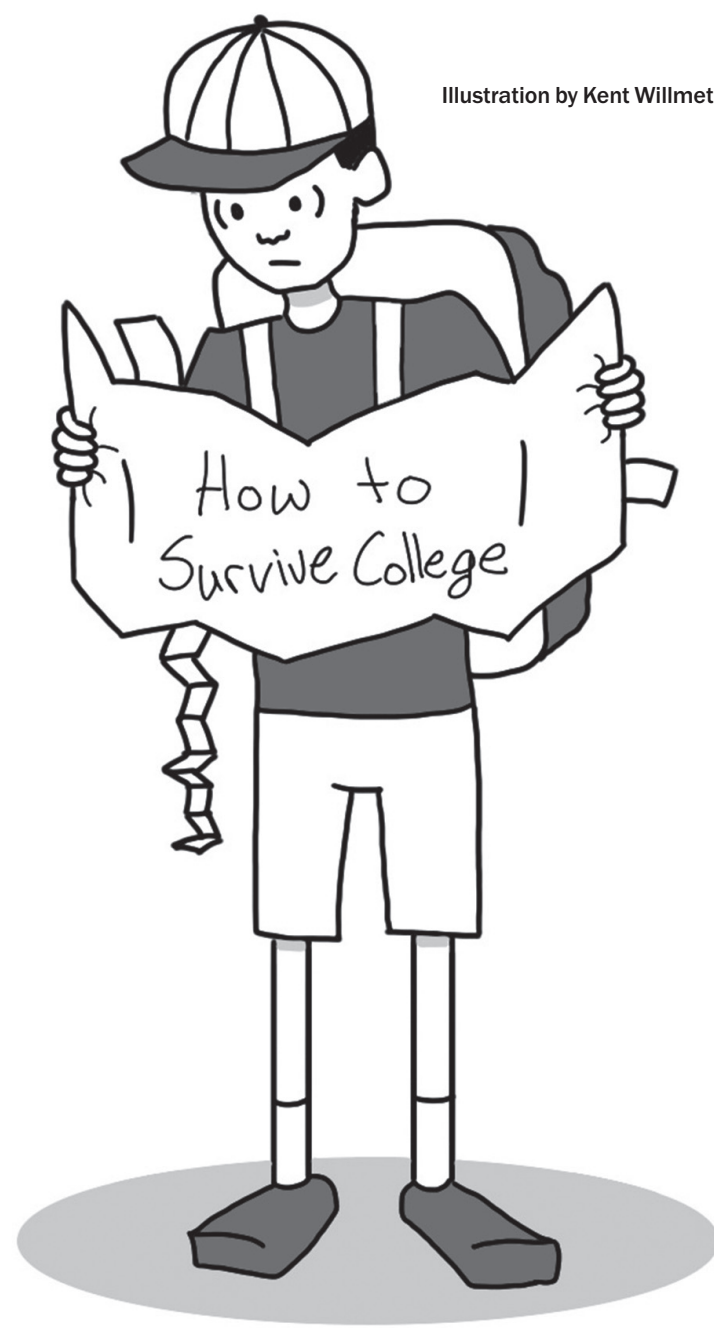
There is no guide to surviving

orientation. There is no step-by-step manual to hold your hand to get you through the exhausting day. Baby steps, my friend. Orientation is a precursor to essentially a new life. It'll be long, it'll be draining but it'll be worth it.

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Manhattan proves to be the perfect college town for family, fun, education

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When I dreamed of going to college, I wanted the whole experience, which included a cookie-cutter college town. This was my first semester at K-State and I can honestly say that I love the atmosphere of not only the campus, but the city of Manhattan as well. There truly is a family aspect in this place we call home, and I am more than proud to be a part of it. Manhattan is a perfect college city because of its eloquent balance of charm and boisterousness.

According to K-State's website, there were more than 24,300 students enrolled in the fall of 2014, and according to the city of Manhattan's 2010 census, Manhattan has a population of around 52,281 residents. That means that a

good bulk of the Manhattan population is made up of students, which says a lot about how lively and youthful the city is. Nearly every establishment you walk into has the university's Powercat logo hanging somewhere and has K-State students employed and working. According to a July 2014 Forbes list, titled, "The Best Small Places For Business and Careers," Manhattan was ranked number 21 out of the 100 cities listed.

Manhattan has an incredibly stable economic environment because of the university and support of local businesses. The city does not slack when it comes to social life, either. Not only does the university provide plenty of fun events for the public, such as athletic events and theater productions, but it also gives right back to the college students.

Aggieville, an animated

strip of restaurants, bars and shops, is constantly pleasing students with great food, dancing and events, such as Fake Patty's Day. Lindsay Kurzdorfer, junior in economics, works

Aggieville. It's kind of like the glue that brings social life together at K-State."

Manhattan is one of the most beautiful cities for a college setting, and I doubt

"The vibe and culture is K-State everything. Manhattan is known for Aggieville. It's kind of like the glue that brings social life together at K-State."

LINDSY KURZDORFER
JUNIOR, ECONOMICS

at Buffalo Wild Wings in Aggieville and said she enjoys working there because of the atmosphere the students bring to Aggieville.

"Everyone I work with goes to or went to K-State," Kurzdorfer said. "The vibe and culture is K-State everything. Manhattan is known for

anyone who has seen the campus would think otherwise. Not only do we have the most beautiful campus I have ever seen, but the city is equally beautiful. With the historic buildings and the trees lining

the streets and sidewalks, I can't help but feel good when I am walking around. There is a reason Manhattan is often referred to as "Manhappiness."

The overall demeanor of the students and residents of Manhattan is positive and welcoming. Every visit I made to "the Hat" before I moved here was nothing short of spectacular, and I truly believe the style and warmth of the city and people here had everything to do with it.

When I came to K-State this past semester, I had no idea what to expect. I have made some incredible friends, and everyone I meet is kind and welcoming. The town and campus are breathtaking, and my college experience has been incredible. I love being able to walk almost anywhere

I want to go, whether it be to eat, shop or simply take a walk. The night life is amazing, whether I'm out to dinner with my friends, sitting atop Manhattan Hill or just hanging out in the dorms.

Regardless of the diversity of students on campus and how different we all seemingly are, I truly believe there is something for every student, family and person in the Little Apple.

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OPINION: What seniors are telling their freshman year self



KELLY IVERSON
THE COLLEGIAN

K-State's orientation is a chance for incoming students to pick out classes and majors, all the while learning the keys to college success. What do people deem to be successful, though? The harder the major, the more successful you are? The more friends you make, the better your college career? Many incoming freshmen will struggle with these tough questions that come along with attending any college.

We all have regrets. From who we date to what we ate, we are constantly reminded of our mistakes. Now is your chance to

bypass some of those. As a recent college graduate, I can tell you firsthand that I made more than a handful of mistakes my freshman year. It is my goal to help you steer clear of these and ultimately help you relax about those decisions you're making that seem so scary at orientation but aren't that big in the scheme of things. Here are a few graduating seniors' take on what they would want their freshman year self to know and are passing it along to you.

What advice do you have for your freshman year self?

"Don't wish away the hard stuff, the hard classes and just tough times," **Lizzi Petite**, senior in management, said. "It's all part of growing."

"Don't skip any classes,"

Blake Pickett, senior in mass communications, said. "Just because you can doesn't mean you should, and be on top of things way before they're due to give yourself more free time in the end."

"Network," **Amelia Govert**, senior in food science and industry,

said. "Meet as many people in the dorms as possible, form relationships with your teachers, advisers and classmates. Knowing people will benefit you now or in the future."

"Don't drink the punch, it's dangerous," **Kayd Kohler**, senior in management, said.

"Don't sweat the small stuff," **Max Williams**, senior in kinesiology, said. "It's not worth it."

"Start off right," **Jake Kubick**, senior in animal sciences and industry, said. "Don't get into a bad habit starting off like, 'I'm just here to party.' The main thing is get your college GPA up first so you're not rushing through things your senior year."

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EMPLOYMENT RATES | Presentation, error free resumes important in job search

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Career fairs like the one Khan attended are just one of the many ways CES tries to help students find their path during their academic career and after graduation. Keller said that CES exists to be a source of support and help as students make this transition. They provide year-round services, and are readily available for in-person, online and phone consultations.

"We also provide our services up to a year after graduation and then we have a partnership with the K-State Alumni Association," Keller

said. "If you're two years out or 20 years out, you can also still be supported by the university in terms of help with your job search and sorting out career options."

On the CES website, there are helpful links on how to create a strong resume, how to dress in professional settings, interview practices and several more tips on how to present yourself to a potential employer.

One of the biggest mistakes Keller warns against is allowing or missing errors on resumes.

"An automatic killer sometimes for students

is having lots of typos and grammatical errors," Keller said. "Employers sometimes are just looking for some of those ways that they can weed out people and if you can't pay careful attention to the detail of your resume, the employer may be worried that as you prepare for important correspondence on the job, you may make errors that cost them money."

Keller advises people to do their research on employers beforehand; anything less is sloppy. She also said it was important to be mindful of not only your words, but also the way you present yourself.

"You have to remember that your communication is more than what you say," Keller said. "Your body language and tone of voice is very important to go along with the actual words and content that you're sharing. You have to make sure that all those things go together and we do lots of mock interviews with students. We have a video-based practice module that students can do and you can assess your own skills and see what you look like as if you were going to go through a interview."

In terms of advice, Khan stressed the importance of not

putting on a mask just to impress employers.

"Be yourself and don't put on a show," Khan said. "People will hire you for who you are."

In the end, potential could be boiled down to actions and performance, rather than what could solely be listed on a paper.

"What I believe to be most important about receiving your undergraduate degree is the personal development that takes place throughout the process," Bowman said. "This is the time where you are discovering all that is possible for

your life. I have found that those who focus most on their personal development in and outside of the classroom have the greatest success in the 'real world.' Employers will always hire the candidate with the greatest personal and professional development. (They) want someone they can trust, count on to pull their weight, add something to the team and someone who is ready to tackle whatever task the job brings in the most efficient and effective way. In today's world, your degree will not land you the job you seek if you cannot do not carry those traits."

StreetTalk

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What was your favorite part of going through freshman orientation or what advice would you give the incoming freshmen this year?

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SAUL LANDEROS
SENIOR,
COMMUNICATION STUDIES

"My favorite part was seeing the new environment and how diverse the campus is."



HUNTER ROSE
JUNIOR,
GEOGRAPHY

"Freshman orientation is fun and it gives students not familiar with K-State a way to meet people without intimidation. It sets the tone for the beginning of the year. Keep an open mind and a positive attitude!"



CHARLOTTE GRAHAM
JUNIOR,
LITERATURE

"Get involved as much as you can and be open to meeting new people!"



LOGAN JONES
SENIOR,
THEATRE AND FRENCH

"I did Wildcat Warmup coming in and my favorite part was doing the challenge course and making friends through that."



FAITH LOEPP
SENIOR, COMMUNICATION
SCIENCES AND DISORDERS

"My advice is to call your parents because they're older and wiser and chances are they will have solutions to your problems."

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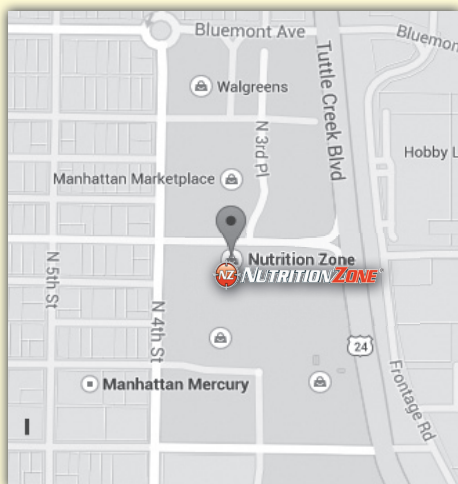
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